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SUBJECT: BRITISH AIRWAYS HIJACKING

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1. STATEMENT ALLEGEDLY ISSUED HERE MARCH 4 BY SO-CALLED "ARAB NATIONALIST YOUTH ORGANIZATION FOR LIBERATION OF PALESTINE" WARNED THAT DUTCH GOVERNMENT WOULD BE "FULLY RESPONSIBLE" FOR WHATEVER HAPPENS TO THE TWO CAPTURED HIJACKERS AND CULMINATED AGAINST BRITISH CRIMES" AGAINST PALESTINIAN PEOPLE, AS WELL AS AGAINST "DEFEATIST SOLUTIONS"

IN MIDDLE EAST AND CREATION OF "RUMP" PALESTINIAN STATE. GOL OFFICIALS REMAIN SILENT OVER WHOLE AFFAIR.

2. REF PARA ONE REFTEL, FSL RECEPTIONIST IN OUR CONSULAR SECTION REPORTS THAT ON EITHER FEBRUARY 25 OR 26 TWO MEN CARRYING PAKISTANI PASSPORTS VISITED HIM AND ASKED PROCEDURES FOR OBTAINING U.S. VISA. TWO "PAKISTANIS" GIVEN APPLICATION FORMS AND TOLD TO RETURN WITH COMPLETED APPLICATIONS AND PICTURES FOR INTERVIEW WITH CONSULAR OFFICER. APPARENTLY THEY NEVER CAME BACK.

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RECEPTIONIST SAID HE DID NOT SEE NAMES IN PASSPORTS BUT INDIVIDUALS

WERE APPROXIMATELY SAME AGE AS PERSONS WHOM GOL, ACCORDING TO
LOCAL PRESS,
BELIEVE MIGHT HAVE BEEN BALHIJACKERS. FYI: IT IS RARE FOR US
TO GET PAKISTANI VISA APPLICANTS HERE. WHILE WE HAVE NO PROOF
WHICH CONNECTS HIJACKERS BEING HELD BY DUTCH WITH TWO "PAKISTANIS"
WHO VISITED US, IT WOULD BE INTERESTING IF THEY TURNED OUT TO BE
IDENTIFIABLE. WE HAVE NO OBJECTION TO YOUR SHARING THE ABOVE
WITH DUTCH AUTHORITIES AND ASKING THEM TO PURSUE WITH HIJACKERS
WHETHER OR NOT THEY HAD VISITED THIS EMBASSY. CAN YOU OBTAIN
PICTURE OF HIJACKERS FROM DUTCH AUTHORITIES SO THAT WE CAN
SHOW THEM TO OUR FSL; PLEASE ADVISE. END FYI.
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